

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop a plan
2 for the system of state hospitals; report.

3 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

4 1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall analyze the
5 Commonwealth's system of state hospitals and create a plan for the development of a system of state
6 hospitals capable of meeting the needs of the Commonwealth in the twenty-first century, including (i) a
7 determination of the appropriate number, capacity, and location of state hospitals; (ii) recommendations
8 for elimination or replacement of certain state hospitals or the addition of new state hospitals; and (iii) a
9 strategy for transitioning from the current system of state hospitals to the model described in the plan
10 required by this act. The Department shall report such plan to the Governor and the General Assembly
11 by December 1, 2019.

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